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**Wednesday, November 10, 2010  
8:00 AM – 12:00 PM**

**Hyatt Regency Baltimore  
300 Light St. Baltimore MD, 21202  
(Held During the 2010 Emergency Preparedness & Hazmat Response  
Conference)**

**Welcome and Remarks:**

The meeting was called to order by Chairman Robert Maloney at 9:15 am. The minutes from the July 29, 2010, LEPC Meeting minutes were adopted as distributed. Mr. Maloney reported that The Vigilant Guard Exercise conducted last week at the USAR Training Facility in Baltimore City was a great success and provided lots of good rescue training. It was sponsored by the National Guard with the goal of improving command and control and operational relationships with local partners responding to and managing a large mass casualty emergency. The LEPC Advisory Committee will be meeting soon to discuss plans for moving the LEPC Committee forward. Tomorrow is Veterans Day and Mayor Rawlings-Blake will be hosting the Baltimore City Annual Veterans Day Ceremony which for the first time will include a Veterans march thru the streets of downtown Baltimore. All are invited and encouraged to attend to pay tribute to those who have served in defending and protecting our freedoms.

**Government**

**Tier II Reporting (Lieutenant Sheri Luck, MOEM)**

The Tier II Emergency and Hazardous Chemical Inventory is a federally mandated reporting system which requires that all facilities report to the proper authorities, the storage of all hazardous materials and substances on their property. The Mayor's Office of Emergency Management files these reports which can be accessed to provide chemical storage information to the Fire Department in the event of a fire at these facilities. Reports are required to be submitted annually no later than March 1<sup>st</sup>.

**Significant Incidents and Events (Scott Brillman):**

- 8/5/10 - CSX Train Derailment
- 8/10/10 - Fells Point Apartment Fire
- 8/12/10 - Flooding (sewage)
- 8/31/10 - Hurricane Earl
- 9/7/10 - 2<sup>nd</sup> Alarm Fire with assisted living evacuation
- 9/8/10 – Two 4 alarm fires and a 2<sup>nd</sup> alarm fire

- 9/8/10 – Hazmat spill incident
- 9/16/10 – Johns Hopkins Hospital Shooter
- 10/5/10 – Harbor East Restaurant Fire

**Training & Exercises (Scott Brillman reporting for Wayne Brown):**

- **Baltimore Anthrax Response TTX Exercise** on August 5<sup>th</sup> was conducted as part of a series of exercises sponsored by DHS. The TTX provided the opportunity to assess target capabilities associated with the response to a biological threat and to improve the management of the public health response to an anthrax incident.
- **The Baltimore Biohazard System Response Full Scale Exercise** on September 19<sup>th</sup> was developed to test protocol for a multi agency response to a BDS at a local US Postal Facility.
- Other Exercises included:
  - **Operation Rescue Above (MTA)**
  - **Freestate (UMMC)**
  - **Vigilant Guard** (as reported by Director Maloney)

**Law Enforcement/Homeland Security/Intel:**

Lieutenant Rodney Giacomelli, BPD, gave a brief update on the recent bomb attempts involving packages on cargo planes being shipped via Federal Express to two locations of which both were Jewish houses of worship in Chicago. Found in the packages were toner cartridges which contained an explosive powder compound, circuit boards and a timer set to be detonated by telephone. The plot was disrupted based upon a tip which was made to the Saudi Government by a Gitmo detainee. Lieutenant Giacomelli noted that it is not unusual for cargo to be shipped aboard passenger airplanes.

**Businesses:**

**Corporate Emergency Access System:**

Michelle Lacey, MOEM, gave an update on CEAS, the credentialing program which is co-sponsored by the Downtown Partnership and the Association of Contingency Planners, that gives card-holding key employees within the City expedited travel and access to their businesses during emergencies to ensure the survival of critical infrastructure and to reduce the socio-economic impact of the disaster. Currently there are 145 enrolled participants in the program and additional 12 applications that are pending.

**SBIMAP (Craig Owens, Delta Chemical SBIMAP President:**

The South Baltimore Industries Mutual Aid Plan supports emergency preparedness efforts and promotes citizens right to know. This organization which was established in 1982 was very instrumental in the development of the Baltimore City LEPC back in the early 1980's. The next general meeting will be November 18<sup>th</sup> at the offices of the MDE located on Washington Boulevard.

**University of Maryland Medical Center (Jim Chang, Director of Safety & Environmental Health):**

The 2010 Free-State Exercise was a multi discipline emergency response exercise (UMMC, BCFD and MSP) which tested the vulnerability of the hospital (which houses the 2<sup>nd</sup> busiest heli-pad in the country) during an emergency and focused on their internal communications and emergency response plans.

### **University of Maryland Disaster Exercise – Colonel Milland Reed, Assistant Director of UM Police:**

The TTX on October 19<sup>th</sup> with the scenario of a Hurricane heading up the east coast was used to test the plans and procedures while incorporating NIMS based incident Command Structure. With assistance from MOEM his entire leadership staff has been trained to the ICS 300 level and they value their good working relationship with MOEM and the Baltimore City Fire Department.

### **Citizens**

#### **CERT Update (Michelle Lacey):**

The Baltimore City CERT program is unique in that it has very active and enthusiastic volunteers whose numbers continue to grow. The number of Baltimore City CERT teams has grown from 5 to 20 teams in the past 2 years. This swift growth however presented some challenges in that it was becoming difficult to manage. Therefore, a plan to reorganize the current management structure has begun. New plans include goals to decentralize the teams, conduct quarterly trainings (which will be formalized by Wayne Brown the MOEM Training and Exercise Manager) and assign MOEM Battalion Representatives.

#### **Planning (Kevin Hranicky, Department of Planning Flood Plain Manager):**

The Flood Plain Plan update and Map Modernization program and revision which will include expanded coastal flood zones is nearing completion and is expected to be finalized and published in the upcoming year. The All Hazard Plan which is mandated by law in order to be eligible for Federal Grant Funding seeks to reduce or eliminate long term risk to life and property and includes an element to protect local natural resources.

#### **Mayor's Office of Neighborhoods (Kevin Cleary, Acting Director)**

- The Office of Neighborhood's Mission is to ensure that city government is an effective partner with residents and community leaders to improve their quality of life and to strengthen neighborhoods as achieved through government-led initiatives and coordinated interagency responses to community needs and concerns. Currently the MON has six neighborhood liaisons who are assigned based upon the police district boundaries as well as faith-based, Hispanic, Korean, Eastern European and French Speaking African Community liaisons. In emergency situations, MON mobilizes neighborhood-based resources to reduce the strain on Police, Fire and EMS, and stages and staffs visits by the Mayor to reassure the public of a return to normalcy and to direct citizen efforts.

Break 10:35 – 10:45

### **Panel Discussion – Johns Hopkins Hospital Shooter Incident**

#### **Panelists:**

David Collins, WBAL TV Reporter

Anthony Guglielmi, BPD Director of Public Information

Kevin Cartwright, BCFD Chief Public Information Officer

Robert Maloney, Director of the Mayor's Office of Emergency Management

The discussion included a critique of how information is provided to the media by government public information officials and how live media coverage impacts first responders during an emergency situation. The timeline of the incident was as follows:

**11:10 a.m.:** The adult son of a Johns Hopkins patient is briefed by a physician outside Room 873 of the Nelson building on the condition of his mother. The man removes a semi-automatic handgun from his waistband and fires a single gunshot, police say, striking the doctor in his lower chest/upper abdomen.

The man is seen running into the room and brandishing the handgun in the direction of his mother, who was confined to the bed.

**11:15 a.m.:** Hopkins authorities send out an emergency advisory, lock down portions of the Nelson building and evacuate other sections. Police begin shutting down the portion of the hospital campus bordered by Broadway and East Monument and North Wolfe streets.

**11:21 a.m.:** Police report over scanner that someone may have been shot inside Hopkins Hospital. Officers asking for supervisors, officers on the roof.

**11:35 a.m.:** Hopkins personnel report flood of police cars. Police, fire, FBI and SWAT teams are on the scene.

**11:37 a.m.:** Police push people back from 600 block of Wolfe Street. Helicopter reported circling above.

**11:45 a.m.:** A physician at Hopkins has been shot and is in critical condition, police confirm. The suspect has barricaded himself on the eighth floor. Snipers take up positions outside the hospital.

**12:23 p.m.:** Despite some media reports that the shooter has been "subdued," police say the suspect is still not in custody.

**1:30 p.m.:** Hopkins tweets that the situation on Nelson 8 is controlled and business for the rest of the rest of the hospital should continue normally.

**1:30 p.m.:** Police report the SWAT team has determined that the suspect is down on the floor inside an eighth-floor room suffering from an apparent gunshot wound and his mother is unresponsive in her bed.

**1:53 p.m.:** Police spokesman Anthony Guglielmi says the shooter is dead.

**1:53 p.m.:** Police tweet that the situation has "ended" and that the suspect was not shot by police. Police describe incident as a possible murder-suicide.

**2:44 p.m.:** Activity inside hospital is reported as normal.

**3:00 p.m.:** Mayor Stephanie Rawlings-Black and Police Commissioner Frederick H. Bealefeld III brief news media.

**3:50 p.m.:** Suspect identified as Warren Davis, 50.

**4:35 p.m.:** Police say suspect might have used an alias.

**4:45 p.m.:** Police identify suspect as Paul Warren Pardus of Arlington, Va. The original name given was an alias, police said.

Sources: Baltimore City Police Department and Johns Hopkins twitter feeds; Baltimore Sun staff

The meeting adjourned at 12:15

A meeting of the LEPC Advisory Committee will be scheduled early in the New Year to set a meeting plan and schedule of upcoming LEPC General Membership Meetings.